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(54) Anthelmintic paste compositions containing resinsates of D1-6-phenyl-2,3,5,6-tetrahydroimidazo(2,1-b)thiazole.

(57) The invention provides physically stable anthelmintic paste compositions containing resinsates of dl-6-phenyl-2,3,5,6-tetrahydroimidazo[2,1-b]thiazole and a wide variety of therapeutic agents such as antibiotics, vitamins, vaccines, mineral supplements and/or other anthelmintic compounds.

ANTHELMINTIC PASTE COMPOSITIONS  
CONTAINING RESINATES OF DI-6-PHENYL-2,3,5,6-  
TETRAHYDROIMIDAZO[2,1-b]THIAZOLE

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

5           The desirability of paste compositions for  
the oral administration of anthelmintic compositions is  
described in United States Patent No 3,746,490. The  
patent describes pastes of liquid dimethyl-2,2-dichloro-  
10 vinyl phosphate (or DDVP) alone and contained in a  
polyvinyl chloride pellets.

Other anthelmintic paste compositions are de-  
scribed in United States Patent No 4,141,975, which de-  
scribes an anthelmintic paste composition containing  
15 0,0-dimethyl 1-hydroxy-2,2,2-trichloroethylphosphonate  
(Trichlorfon), and United States Patent No 4,277,467  
which describes anthelmintic paste compositions con-  
taining trichlorfon and N-(2-methoxyacetamide-4-phenyl-  
thiophenyl)-N',N''-bis-methoxycarbonylguanidine (Febantel).

20           The use of 1-6-phenyl-2,3,5,6-tetrahydro-  
imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole hydrochloride and trichlorfon,  
as a combination anthelmintic treatment, suitable for  
oral or parenteral administration is described in  
United States Patent No 3,937,825.

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Previous attempts to prepare anthelmintic paste compositions containing two active ingredients such as the hydrochloride salt of dl-6-phenyl-2,3,5,6-tetrahydroimidazo[2,1-b]-thiazole or l-6-phenyl-2,3,5,6-tetrahydroimidazo[2,1-b]thiazole, hereinafter referred to respectively as dl-tetramisole and l-tetramisole, with organophosphate anthelmintics such as trichlorfon, famphur, coumaphos, dimethoate, cythioate, chlorpyrifos, temephos and the like, resulted in paste compositions which exhibit physical instability overtime and at elevated temperatures. These pastes shrink and separate upon aging and at elevated temperatures, giving compositions which are non-homogeneous and unsuitable for use.

It has been found that physically stable anthelmintic paste compositions containing dl-tetramisole and l-tetramisole in combinations with other anthelmintics such as the organophosphate compounds described above may be prepared when resinated dl- or l-tetramisole is used to prepare the anthelmintic combination pastes. The resulting paste compositions comprising 2% to 24% on a weight basis of dl- or l-tetramisole resinate, 40% to 75% on a weight basis of heavy mineral oil, 0.0% to 2.5% on a weight basis of a nonionic surfactant, 0.0% to 31% on a weight basis of an organophosphate, 0.0% to 5.0% on a weight basis of barium sulfate, 2.0% to 10.0% on a weight basis of a fumed or precipitated silica, exhibit greatly improved physical stability over extended periods of time and at elevated temperatures in comparison to paste compositions prepared using acid salts such as the hydrochloride salt of dl- or l-tetramisole.

Resinated forms of dl-tetramisole and l-tetramisole suitable for use in preparing paste compositions of the invention are described in United States Patent No 3,574,227. United States Patent No 3,574,227 addresses the problems associated with the bitter taste of these anthelmintics and their chemical instability which can result in chemical degradation and loss of potency when combined in animal feedstuffs. It has been found that resinated forms of dl-tetramisole and l-tetramisole may be used to prepare physically stable paste compositions containing other active ingredients such as the organophosphate compounds described above which are not compatible with the acid addition salts of dl-tetramisole and l-tetramisole.

Strongly acidic resins are preferred in the invention compositions since they provide resinsates in which the tetramisole is more strongly ionically bonded to the ion exchanged resin, thus substantially preventing ionization of the tetramisole. The preferred resins for the manufacture of the resinsates of the invention are the strongly acidic resins including sulfonated polystyrenes prepared from styrene and from about 1 to about 20 weight percent of divinyl benzene which functions as a cross-linking agent. Examples of resins useful in the invention include AMBERLITE® IR-120 and IR-112, and DOWEX® 50 and 50W resins; sulfonated phenolic resins including AMBERLITE® IR-1 resins; cellulose alkylsulfonic acid resins including Cellex SE resin; phenol methylene sulfonic acid resins including Acirolite C-131 resin; and sulfonated coal.

Cythioate      phenyl O,O-dimethyl O-p-sulfamoyl phosphorothioate

5      Chlorpyrifos      O,O-diethyl O-(3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridyl)-phosphorothioate

Temephos      O,O'-(thiodi-4,1-phenylene)bis(O,O-dimethyl phosphorthioate)

EXAMPLE 1

10      Polysorbate 20 60 g, 1.50% on a weight basis is added to heavy mineral oil 2164.64 g, 53.12% on a weight basis and the resulting mixture agitated in a Ross double planetary mixer for five minutes. 1-Tetramisole resinate 460 g, 11.50 on a weight basis is then

15      added, after mixing for five minutes, a preblend, 1226 g, 30.65% on a weight basis, comprised of mixture of technical trichlorfon (96.2% pure) 97.5% by weight and fumed silica, 2.5% by weight which has been milled to a mean particle size of 62 microns is added. After

20      blending for ten minutes fumed silica 3.23% on a weight basis is added and blending continued for 15 minutes. The resulting mixture is homogenized in a Homomixer, yielding the desired anthelmintic paste combination composition.

25      By utilizing the above procedure and substituting the appropriate components, the paste compositions summarized in Table I below may be prepared.

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TABLE I

Composition of	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Component	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w
1-tetramisole										
HCl	5.83 (5.75)	5.83 (5.75)	12.28 (11.72)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resinate	-	-	-	12.00* (5.75)	12.0 (5.75)	12.0 (5.75)	12.0 (5.75)	11.50 (5.75)	11.50 (5.75)	11.50 (5.75)
Famphur	29.06	-	-	-	29.2* (28.47)	29.2* (28.47)	29.2* (28.47)	-	-	-
Trichlorfon	-	29.06	-	30.00* (28.75)	-	-	-	30.65* (40.0)	30.81* (30.0)	30.81* (30.0)
Polysorbate 20	1.0	1.0	1.01	1.50	0.7	1.10	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Colloidal silica	2.75	2.75	3.55	2.90	3.00	2.75	2.75	3.23	3.23	3.23
BaSO <sub>4</sub>	5.00	5.00	10.15	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	-	-	-
Heavy mineral oil	56.36	56.36	72.99	48.6	50.1	49.95	49.55	53.116	52.96	52.96

\*Premix containing 1% to 3% by weight of fumed silica from milling.

( ) Denotes % active ingredient, figuring for 1-tetramisole expressed as HCl equivalent.

EXAMPLE 2Physical stability of anthelmintic paste compositions

5 The physical stability of the anthelmintic paste compositions of the invention is evaluated by storing samples at 37°C and 45°C and visually inspecting the paste periodically for shrinkage or clear liquid formation.

10 The results of these experiments summarized in Table II below demonstrate the enhanced physical stability of anthelmintic paste compositions containing resinated 1-tetramisole and organophosphate compounds compared to the control combinations which are prepared using the hydrochloride salt.

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TABLE II  
Stability of paste compositions

Composition of Stability	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w	% w/w
37°C										
2 months	Separates	Separates								
3 months								Stable	Stable	Stable
6 months					Stable	Stable	Stable			
45°C										
1 months	Separates	Separates								
2 months			Stable							
6 months				Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable			



## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A physically stable anthelmintic paste composition comprising 2% to 24% on a weight basis of resinated l-tetramisole or resinated dl-tetramisole, 40% to 75% on a weight basis of heavy mineral oil, 0.0% to 2.5% on a weight basis of a nonionic surfactant, 0.0% to 31.0% of a second active ingredient of an organophosphate compound, antibiotic, vaccine, vitamins or mineral supplement, 0% to 5% on a weight basis of an agent to increase the density of the composition such as barium sulfate, and 2% to 10% on a weight of a fumed or precipitated silica.
2. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the second active ingredient is an organophosphate compound selected from famphur, trichlorfon, coumaphos, dimethoate, cythioate, chlorpyrifos, or temephos.
3. A composition according to Claim 2, wherein the second active ingredient is trichlorfon.
4. A composition according to Claim 2, wherein the second active ingredient is famphur.
5. A composition according to Claim 2, containing 2% to 24% on a weight basis of resinated l-tetramisole and 2% to 31% on a weight basis of trichlorfon.
6. A composition according to Claim 2, containing 2% to 24% on a weight basis of resinated l-tetramisole and 2% to 31% on a weight basis of famphur.

7. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the second active ingredient is an antibiotic of chlorotetracycline, sulfamethazine, sulfethoxypyridazine, sulfathiazole, tylosin or nitrofurantoin.

8. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the second active ingredient is a vaccine.

9. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the second active ingredient is a vitamin and/or a mineral supplement.